

IV. Remarks


Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments is requested.

The specification has been amended to correct the errors noted in section 1 of the office action.

Claims 6, 7, 12 and 16 have been amended to place them in independent form to place them in condition for allowance in accordance with section 6 of the office action. Also, claims 1 and 5 have been cancelled, claims 2-4, 9, 11, 13, and 15 have been amended to change their dependencies, claims 8, 10, and 14 have been maintained in their original form and claims 17-48 have been withdrawn from consideration.

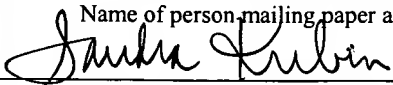
Inasmuch as this eradicates all outstanding issues, an early notice of allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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